

VZCZCXYZ0000
RR RUEHWEB

DE RUEHNK #0737 3521514
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
R 171514Z DEC 08
FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 7938
INFO RUEHDK/AMEMBASSY DAKAR 7110
RUEHKO/AMEMBASSY TOKYO 0051

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 000737

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: DECL: 12/17/2013
TAGS: [PREL](#) [PGOV](#) [JA](#) [MR](#)
SUBJECT: JAPANESE REPRESENTATION IN MAURITANIA

REF: A. NOUAKCHOTT 655
[1](#)B. STATE 122627
[1](#)C. TOKYO 3203

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Dennis Hankins for reasons 1.4 (b and d)

(C) Charge met December 15 with Japanese diplomat Miyamoto Musayuk who is heading the Japanese "Preparatory Office" established in Nouakchott in the beginning of December. Musayuk confirmed that after the U.S. demarche in Tokyo (REF B), Tokyo had postponed plans to formally open an embassy. The "Preparatory Office" remains technically a branch of the Japanese embassy in Senegal with the three diplomats assigned to the office spending one week out of four in Dakar and travel to Mauritania on Official instead of Diplomatic passports.. Musayuk said they minimize political contacts with both the regime and the Abdallahi camp. The offices are located in the same building as the Peace Corps. The Japanese are not yet looking for permanent staff housing although they are hiring some local staff.
HANKINS